

Local Matters.

A few of the grasshoppers are beginning to fly. The number of the State police are becoming more and more numerous. Many of them are wearing blue uniforms.

The Calabazas from the river are getting some plentiful. In consequence, cheap.

Kege and butter have both fallen in price. Some very fine beef is beginning to make its appearance in our market.

As usual, there was quite a crowd in the city on yesterday. A lively business was done among the merchants.

The trade of Austin with the country lying in the vicinity of San Antonio is becoming with extraordinary rapidity.

The lumber trade of this place has always been good, but it is now especially so. We are glad to see it, and it shows that we live in a country that is alive and going ahead.

It commenced raining this morning, with a shower, at half past three o'clock, and the evidence was in favor of a fine season, which will do much good to the crops.

Our sidewalks need improving. Some are a shame to the city, and all other sidewalks deserve to be improved.

There were less persons upon the streets yesterday than we have seen them for a long time. The merchants say they observe the difference in their trade.

The weeds of Delgado are proverbial, but there are certain places in Austin that begin to rival the weeds of the prairie.

Yesterday afternoon the Hook and Ladder Company carried out their engine and hose, and the old man near the rear of our office, to their new truck house of B. & A. street, opposite Miller's stable.

Boys are using what is termed the "slipper shooter" too freely. It is a dangerous weapon, and we have heard lately of several cases of injury resulting from the use of them.

The boy who can kill a mouse, the other day, is now considered a condition to get well. He begins to be considered in the football class. The wound is terrible, reaching from ear to ear.

The bond in the case of R. H. Booth, under indictment before Commissioner Price, on Thursday last for mail robbery, was \$2000, instead of \$500, as stated in yesterday's paper.

Colonel Geo. Quinn, of Wharton, is in the city attending to cases in the Supreme Court. He is a very shrewd lawyer, and has done the State good service in days gone by.

The "Pleasures of Imagination" is a very entertaining book, but the pleasures of reality are far superior. It is a book that every young man should read, and it is a book that every young woman should read.

The work of improvement still goes on in our midst. It is desirable to use the force of the city. Let our citizens go vigorously to work, and secure water and gas without delay. These two things are absolutely necessary, and with them the growth of the place would be rapid.

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Important Legislation by the Legislature.

As an act making an appropriation for the salaries and per diem of the officers and employees of the Thirteenth Legislature, approved January 27, 1878. (\$80,000.)

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TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The Supreme Court and Police Jury of Boston, from Louisiana, the court holds that certain contracts issued by the Police Jury of Texas Parish on account of levee work in 1869, were unauthorized. Judgment reversed.

Heldman et al. v. Surber, et al. The court decides that all statutes of proscription and limitation were suspended at the last courts, during which your court in Louisiana was not determined until the proclamation of the President of April, 1866. Decree affirmed.

New York, May 1.—Gus D. Swann & Co. have suspended.

St. Louis, May 1.—The ministry is divided upon the proper course to pursue in the dispute between the clergymen and Free Masons.

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York to defend the government against the appeal for an injunction restraining Boyer from enforcing the railroad tax.

New York, May 3.—A Committee of thirty, who have been appointed by the Episcopal Church of this city, and Brooklyn to properly receive the body of Bishop McVicar, and to co-operate with the Rector of St. Paul's Church in making arrangements for the funeral services to take place. Bishop Porter, of New York, will preach the funeral sermon. Most of the clergy of the city and neighborhood will assist at the services, and arrangements have also been made for the reception of the Commission appointed by the Diocese of Ohio, who will officiate at the funeral.

A Louisiana correspondent writing date of April 19, says the body of Bishop McVicar arrived in this city to their final resting place in that State.

This is the first time the remains of an American Bishop have rested, even for a few days, in this burial place of England's famous dead.

Rev. Mr. Stanley Dean, of Westminster, who has been appointed by the Bishop to show his respect for the deceased, and to gratify American Episcopalians arranged for the special funeral service of the 18th, when the body was placed in the coffin, and the service began, but instead of the altar appointed for the burial service, the altar of St. Paul's was used.

Dean read the concluding parts of the service, after which the Bishop of the city, on earth and thus above, had been sung and the benediction pronounced the service dispersed. Many of these proceedings were witnessed by the United States, within the opposite position. There being a division, the decision of the case is left to the United States.

The decision of this court will determine the decision in eight similar cases pending before the committee. The precise question, it is claimed, is a Spanish advocate, has been repeatedly tried by the mission on British and American claims, to the effect that notwithstanding the Cuban expressed intention, they still remain subjects of the United States, until the necessary formalities had been completed.

May 4.—Bishop McVicar's remains were accompanied here by the Rev. W. J. McVicar, of the American Episcopal Church, Paris. The remains will not be buried until Monday evening. The funeral ceremonies in the city will be extremely simple.

May 5.—Heavy rain and hail this evening.

New Iberia, May 5.—It is reported here that the policemen last night attacked the Delinquent forces near St. Martinsville, and were repulsed with a loss of three killed and two wounded. DeBelle is said to have had 200 men and one piece of artillery. It is stated that the police were driven back into St. Martinsville.

Chicago, May 5.—The President goes direct to Washington Thursday.

The Mutuals of New York and the Baltimore of Baltimore was won by the latter, six to one.

The Mutuals of the Stokes case is believed to be adverse to Stokes.

Philadelphia, May 5.—The Hon. Hugh M. Smith, Secretary of the United States, is said to have been in the city on the 1st of May.

St. Louis, May 5.—The St. Louis Savings Bank was visited on of twenty-five hundred dollars by the St. Louis Savings Bank.

New Orleans, May 5.—New Orleans report the position of the Metropolitan press. The Metropolitan press is at almost any moment be overpowered by the tax registers under De Blanco, from St. Martin and adjoining parishes. The people of the city are determined to pay no taxes to the Kellogg government, unless compelled by United States forces.

New York, May 5.—In the case of the State of New York vs. John H. Ingram, Judge Harding, presiding in special term, decided demurrer interposed by defendant, that the people of the State had no right of action against the County of New York, in the case of John H. Ingram.

Reinforcements of policemen left this morning for St. Martinsville.

A battle is expected at St. Martinsville at any moment.

New Orleans Markets.

New Orleans, May 5.—Four o'clock stock 25 3/4. Cotton 25 3/4. Sugar 25 3/4. Coffee 25 3/4. Rice 25 3/4. Indigo 25 3/4. Pepper 25 3/4. Cloves 25 3/4. Spices 25 3/4. Tea 25 3/4. Tobacco 25 3/4. Wine 25 3/4. Brandy 25 3/4. Rum 25 3/4. Whisky 25 3/4. Gin 25 3/4. Liqueurs 25 3/4. Perfumery 25 3/4. Soap 25 3/4. Candles 25 3/4. Paper 25 3/4. Stationery 25 3/4. Books 25 3/4. Maps 25 3/4. Globes 25 3/4. Toys 25 3/4. Games 25 3/4. Clocks 25 3/4. Watches 25 3/4. Jewelry 25 3/4. Silver 25 3/4. Gold 25 3/4. Diamonds 25 3/4. Pearls 25 3/4. Gems 25 3/4. Furs 25 3/4. Hides 25 3/4. Bones 25 3/4. Horns 25 3/4. Ivory 25 3/4. Shell 25 3/4. Coral 25 3/4. Amber 25 3/4. Jet 25 3/4. Onyx 25 3/4. Turquoise 25 3/4. Opals 25 3/4. Rubies 25 3/4. Sapphires 25 3/4. Emeralds 25 3/4. Garnets 25 3/4. Zircon 25 3/4. Quartz 25 3/4. Crystal 25 3/4. Glass 25 3/4. Pottery 25 3/4. Ceramics 25 3/4. Stoneware 25 3/4. Earthenware 25 3/4. China 25 3/4. Porcelain 25 3/4. Marble 25 3/4. Granite 25 3/4. Slate 25 3/4. Limestone 25 3/4. Sandstone 25 3/4. Gneiss 25 3/4. Schist 25 3/4. Metamorphic 25 3/4. Igneous 25 3/4. Sedimentary 25 3/4. Plutonic 25 3/4. Volcanic 25 3/4. Metamorphic 25 3/4. Igneous 25 3/4. Sedimentary 25 3/4. Plutonic 25 3/4. Volcanic 25 3/4. Metamorphic 25 3/4. Igneous 25 3/4. Sedimentary 25 3/4. Plutonic 25 3/4. Volcanic 25 3/4. Metamorphic 25 3/4.